

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ A construction element for forming a reinforced concrete slab, comprising at least a lower hardened concrete layer, at least a number of reinforcement elements embedded in the concrete layer and extending upwardly therefrom and cavity defining elements imbedded in and extending at least partially upwardly with the reinforcement elements from the concrete layer and defining cavities, wherein the cavity defining elements and the lower concrete layer are configured to be covered over with concrete at a later stage, and said cavity defining elements are configured so as to be mutually nestable with each other before being imbedded in the concrete layer and comprise side walls and a top wall defining an open volume between the side walls, top wall and the hardened concrete layer, and at least one air hole in the cavity defining element.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ The construction element according to claim 1, wherein the cavity defining elements are nestable with each other over at least 50% of their heights.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ The construction element according to claim 1 wherein the cavity defining elements have one or more characteristics selected from the group consisting of:

- said cavity defining elements are made mainly conical;
- ~~comprise one or more side walls and a top wall, and~~ are open on the bottom side;
- have the shape of an inverted flower pot;
- ~~are each provided with at least one air hole;~~
- are each made in one piece;
- are made of plastic material,
- are circular in horizontal cross section; and
- are provided with locking parts at their bottom ends which are configured to be embedded in the concrete layer, thereby enabling catching of the locking parts behind reinforcement elements.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ The construction element according to claim 1, wherein the cavity defining elements have a lower part situated in the concrete of the hardened concrete layer.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ The construction element according to claim 1, wherein the cavity defining elements are anchored to the construction element, solely via a part thereof embedded in the concrete layer.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ The construction element according to claim 5, wherein the cavity defining elements are anchored to the construction element in such a way that the cavity defining elements at least remain anchored against floating and possible other forces when liquid concrete or cast concrete is poured over said cavity defining elements.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ The construction element according to claim 5, wherein ~~the~~ anchoring of said cavity defining elements is obtained by means of locking parts provided on the cavity defining hollow elements, said locking parts at least including a laterally extending collar.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ The construction element according to claim 1, wherein the cavity defining elements are erected in rows in orthogonal directions.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ The construction element according to claim 1, including a supporting device arranged to support a top reinforcement, said supporting device defining supporting parts which are located higher than the top sides of the cavity defining elements.
10. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ The construction element according to claim 15, wherein the supporting parts are formed of reinforcement rods extending mainly parallel to the concrete layer.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ The construction element according to claim 1, including reinforcement elements in the concrete layer and wherein the cavity defining elements are anchored in the concrete layer without contacting said reinforcement elements.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ The construction element for forming a reinforced concrete slab, comprising at least a lower hardened concrete layer, at least a number of reinforcement elements embedded in the concrete layer and extending upwardly therefrom and cavity defining elements imbedded in and extending at least partially upwardly from the concrete layer and defining cavities, wherein the cavity defining elements are configured to be covered with concrete at a later stage, wherein said cavity defining elements are anchored to the construction element solely via an anchoring part thereof anchored in the lower concrete layer, and being thereby optionally lockable to the reinforcement elements, said anchoring being sufficiently solid so that said cavity defining elements will at least stay anchored against floating when liquid concrete or cast concrete is poured over the cavity defining elements; said cavity defining elements comprising side walls and a top wall defining an open volume between the side walls, top wall and the hardened concrete layer.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Construction~~ The construction element for forming a reinforced concrete slab, comprising at least a hardened lower concrete layer, at least a number of reinforcement elements embedded in the concrete layer and extending upwardly therefrom, and cavity defining elements imbedded in and extending at least partially upwardly from the concrete layer and cavity defining elements, said cavity defining elements and said lower concrete layer configured to be covered with concrete at a later stage, and a supporting device arranged to support a top reinforcement, said supporting device defining supporting parts which are located higher than the top sides of the cavity defining elements.

14. (Withdrawn and Previous Presented) Method for manufacturing a construction element according to claim 1, comprising pouring an amount of concrete in a mould to form a lower concrete layer; providing the lower concrete layer with a reinforcement; providing cavity defining hollow elements in the concrete of the lower concrete layer before it has hardened, said cavity defining elements having locking parts at their bottom sides, so that they rest in the concrete of the lower concrete layer at least with these locking parts; and in letting the concrete of the lower concrete layer harden, after which the whole is removed from the mould.

15. (Withdrawn and Previously Presented) Method according to claim 14, wherein the cavity defining hollow elements are taken automatically from a stock of such elements and are automatically installed in the concrete of the lower concrete layer by means of said locking parts.

16. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 15, wherein said installation of the cavity defining elements involves vibrating the cavity defining elements.

17. (New) A construction element for forming a reinforced concrete slab, comprising at least a lower hardened concrete layer, at least a number of reinforcement elements embedded in the concrete layer and extending upwardly therefrom and cavity defining elements imbedded in and extending at least partially upwardly with the reinforcement elements from the concrete layer and defining cavities, wherein the cavity defining elements and the lower concrete layer are configured to be covered over with concrete at a later stage, and said cavity defining elements are mutually nestable with each other before being imbedded in the concrete layer; wherein the cavity defining elements have one or more characteristics selected from the group consisting of:

- said cavity defining elements are made mainly conical;
- comprise one or more side walls and a top wall, and are open on the bottom side;
- have the shape of an inverted flower pot;
- are each provided with at least one air hole;
- are each made in one piece;
- are made of plastic material,
- are circular in horizontal cross section; and
- are provided with locking parts at their bottom ends which are configured to be embedded in the concrete layer, thereby enabling catching of the locking parts behind reinforcement elements.